(c) whether any ESIC hospitals with 50 bed capacity have been sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh in 1999-2000; and

(d) if so, the details of such hospitals to be located in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The ESI Corporation has sanctioned establishment of one new ESI hospital in the State of Jammu and Kashmir in 1999-2000.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Benefits for Employees of Centrally Financed and Controlled Instrumentalities

†80. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that employees of various centrally financed and controlled instrumentalities are bereft of such benefits which are available to the employees of Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are making efforts to stop this open discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) With the approval of the competent authority, an instrumentality of the Government can make its own rules or adopt the rules of the Central Government

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

or adopt the same with suitable amendments in accordance with the provisions of the statute or charter of its constitution. The information in regard to the benefits which are available to the employees of different instrumentalities in terms of the relevant statutes etc. is not centrally maintained.

Mechanism to Conform Rules Framed by Government Instrumentalities

81. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 263 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 1999 and to state:

(a) what are the details of the mechanism, if any, to ensure that the rules, regulations etc. framed by Instrumentalities of Government of India, by and large, conform to the corresponding Rules, Regulations etc. of Government;

(b) if there is none, whether the Instrumentalities are free to frame Rules and Regulations which contravene to those of the Government of India; and

(c) if so, the reasons and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) An instrumentality of the Government can make rules in accordance with the provision of the statute or charter of its constitution. With the approval of the competent authority, it can make its own rules or adopt the rules of the Central Government or adopt the same with suitable amendments as may be permissible within the legal framework. It is the responsibility of the administrative Ministry/Department to ensure compliance with the provisions of the statute and rules framed thereunder in respect of an instrumentality of the Government.